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SUBJECT: (C) DEMARCHE: UAE INVESTIGATION OF SHAYKH ISSA BIN ZAYED'S
ALLEGED ABUSE

Classified by Ambassador Richard Olson, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

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[1](#)1. (C) Ambassador delivered subject demarche to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash on 30 April (Note: both Gargash and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah bin Zayed were out of the UAE until 30 April). Ambassador conveyed our shock at the video, welcomed the 29 April Statement by the UAEG promising a judicial review, expressed our desire for transparency in the process, and emphasized the importance of prompt follow-up. Gargash said he would immediately convey the message to his political authorities.

[1](#)2. (C) Separately, Ambassador conveyed a similar message to Khaldun Mubarak, Secretary General of the Abu Dhabi Executive Affairs Authority, and one of the Crown Prince's key advisors.

[1](#)3. (C) During a 30 April meeting with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Shaykh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan (MbZ), the delegation led by S/SAGSWA Dennis Ross raised the issue, highlighting the need for follow up and transparency. MbZ replied that the "the law will prevail" and that in the UAE, "no one was above the law, no matter who he was." Also present at the meeting were National Security Adviser Hazza bin Zayed, Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed, MinState Anwar Gargash, and UAE Ambassador to the US Yousef Al-Otaiba.

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